Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Communication Service for the Deaf, Inc. (CSD) was established in 1975 primarily to provide sign language interpreting services to deaf and hard of hearing adults in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, CSD has employed sign language interpreters, not only in South Dakota but in states all across the nation, for the past 3 decades; and,

Whereas, One out of nine people in the United States has some degree of hearing loss and, with extrapolated estimates, there are approximately 54,000 deaf or hard of hearing South Dakota citizens; and,

Whereas, Sign language is the fifth most used language in the United States; and,

Whereas, CSD interpreters are dedicated to conveying communication effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively to deaf and hard of hearing consumers; and,

Whereas, CSD interpreters provide nothing less than exceptional services to the consumers they work with:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 18, 2004, as

CSD INTERPRETER APPRECIATION DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State